

## MORNING WORSHIP

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.*

### PRELUDE

Rubrics

*Dan Locklair*

4. "The peace may be exchanged."

### INTROIT

"O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord"

*Stephen Sturk*

O come, let us sing to the Lord. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving. Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

### \*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

### \*HYMN 469

"Morning Has Broken"

*Tune: BUNESSAN*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Almighty God,  
you have raised Jesus from death to life,  
and crowned him Lord of all.  
We confess that we have not  
acknowledged his rule in our lives.  
We have gone along with the ways of the world  
and failed to demonstrate his glory.  
Forgive us, and raise us from sin,  
that we may be your faithful people,  
obeying the commands of our Lord,  
Jesus Christ, who rules the world  
and is head of the church, his body.  
Amen.

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**ANTHEM** "Hallelujah, Amen" from *Judas Maccabaeus*  
*George Frideric Handel*  
Hallelujah, amen. O Judah, rejoice in songs divine,  
with cherubim and seraphim, harmonious join.

**PSALTER** Psalm 68:1–10, 32–35 (*responsively*) (page 500, O.T.)

**\*GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Acts 1:6–14 (page 110, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** Ascending KERRI N. ALLEN

**\*HYMN 150** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" *Tune: MADRID*

**\*APOSTLES' CREED** (*unison*)

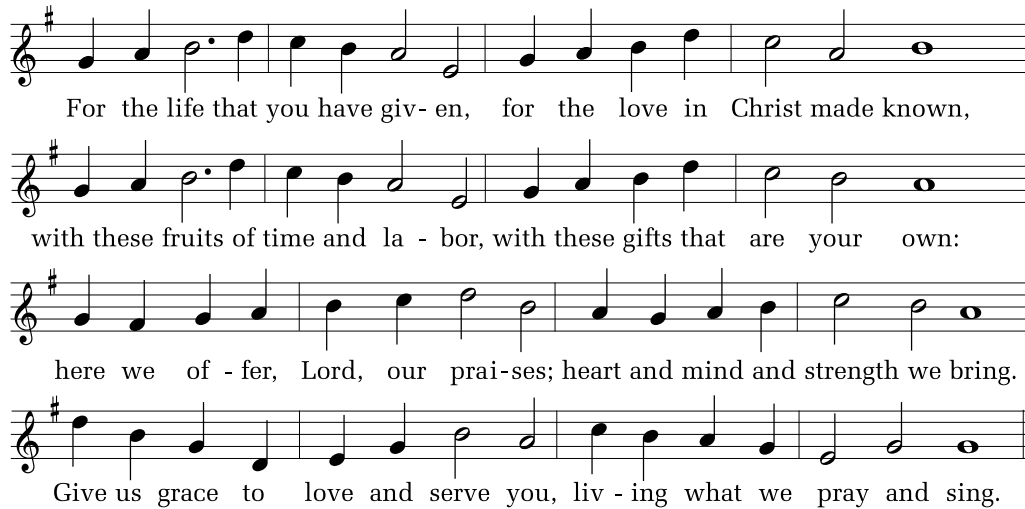
**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the  
right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM “I Know that My Redeemer Liveth” from *Messiah* George Frideric Handel

I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

### \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE



For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:  
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring.  
Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

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## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PRAYER

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .  
. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,  
hea- ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the  
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power  
and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

## THE COMMUNION

**COMMUNION ANTHEM** "Bless the Lord, My Soul" *Jacques Berthier*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (*unison*)

God of majesty,  
Jesus left us this holy meal of bread and wine  
in which we share his body and blood.  
May this meal,  
which provides spiritual nourishment  
and union with Christ,  
show in our lives the fruits of his redemption;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

\***HYMN 411**

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

*Tune:* FESTAL SONG

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

Outburst of Joy from a Soul before the Glory of Christ  
from *Ascension Day* *Olivier Messiaen*

## WORSHIP LEADERS

John H. Boyle, Matthew J. Helms, Kerri N. Allen

## THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Laura Perkett, soloist

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Fourth Church expresses its thanks and appreciation** to the Chancel Choir for its musical leadership at the 8:00 a.m. service throughout the academic year. The Chancel Choir will return in September. Anyone interested in joining is encouraged to contact John Sherer.

**This morning, Communion is served by intinction.** The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they will then dip into the chalice of grape juice. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles. All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

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